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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 7947

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, ASEAN, MY

SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN REACTION TO US-ASEAN MEETING IN MANILA

REF: JAKARTA 14036

1. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY RECENTLY TO ASK MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MUSA HITAM FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE US-ASEAN MEETING IN MANILA. HE EXPRESSED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE MEETING, ARGUING THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO SPEAK IN GENERALITIES ABOUT THE SPECIFIC ISSUES RAISED BY ASEAN, OR INSISTS THAT THEY BE DEALT WITH IN ORDER FORA (E.G., MTN, UNCTAD, IMF, ETC.) HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT 1) IT HAD BEEN AGREED ALLALONG THAT THE MANILA MEETING WOULD BE AN EXPLORATORY DIALOGUE, AND 2) ASEAN HAD PRODUCED ITS ELEVEN MEMORANDA FOR OUR CONSIDERATION AT THE LAST MINUTE. BUT NEVERTHELESS HE MAINTAINED THAT

THE U.S. PERFORMANCE AT MANILA RAISED QUESTIONS WHETHER IT WAS WILLING TO MATCH ITS WORDS OF SUPPORT WITH ACTUAL DEEDS OF BENEFIT TO ASEAN.

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2. COMMENT: MUSA HAS IN THE PAST USED SIMILARLY STYLED COMMENTS TO GET A POINT ACROSS AND TO PROVOKE A RESPONSE, EVEN IF HE MAY NOT ALWAYS FEEL AS STRONGLY AS HIS WORDS INDICATE. NEVERTHELESS, THIS KIND OF COMMENT, LIKE THAT OF REFTTEL, SUGGESTS THAT ASEAN EXPECTATIONS VIS-A-VIS THE U.S. WILL BE EVEN GREATER IN KWASHINGTON NEXT JUNE THAN THEY WERE IN MANILA

IN SEPTEMBER.
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